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REF: NICOSIA 1960 AND 2059

FOR RAY HUNT, NEA/EX

SUMMARY: UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM THEIR PARENT AGENCIES, THE CURRENT REGIONAL RADIO OFFICE (C/RRO) WILL END ITS ADMIN-ISTRATIVE SUPPORT OPERATION ON MARCH 31, 1974 AND NAVFAC, WITH 200 PLUS PERSONNEL, WILL HAVE CLOSED DOWN BY THE END OF MAY 1974, LEAVING A SMALL MOP-UP CREW UNTIL THE END OF JUNE. FAILING TOP-LEVEL WASHINGTON DECISIONS TO REVERSE THOSE PLANS, THE EMBASSY MUST COUNT ON THOSE DATES. WE SUBMIT HEREWITH A SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS AND PROBLEMS ANTICIPATED IN SUPPORTING THE EMBASSY, DAO, USIS AND FBIS. WE DESCRIBE ALSO THE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS WHICH WOULD BE IMPOSED UPON US IF A DECISION IS MADE TO MAINTAIN A SMALL "REORGANIZED RRO" (R/RRO) AT YEROLAKKOS.

1. TIMING OF DECISIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

C/RRO HAS BEGUN DISMANTLING ITS SITES AND SHIPPING OUT EXCESS EQUIPMENT, SOME OF WHICH WILL PROBABLY BE NEEDED BY THE EMBASSY, AND THEY HAVE REDUCED MAINTENANCE SUPPLY STOCK LEVELS. C/RRO AND NAVFAC ARE PRESENTLY PLANNING FSLE TERMINATIONS, AMERICAN TRANSFERS AND PACKING AND SHIPPING OF HHE, ON A SCHEDULE WHICH WILL BECOME PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE BY NOV. 15. WE WILL BE IN TROUBLE IF WE HAVE NOT DEVELOPED A
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RATIONALE BY THAT TIME (SEE NICOSIA 1960, PARA 11), AND TOLD

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OUR LOCALS AND THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. WE ALSO NEED TO BE IN
A POSITION TO PROVIDE ALL OUR OWN ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT BY
MARCH AND TO TAKE OVER EXCESS PROPERTY BEFORE DISPOSAL ARRANGE-
MENTS ARE MADE BY RRO.

2. PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS:

TO STEP UP THE EMBASSY GENERAL SERVICES OPERATION TO THE NEEDED
LEVEL TO SUPPORT THE EMBASSY, DAO, USIS AND FBIS, ONE AMERICAN
GSO AND SEVEN FSLE POSITIONS WILL BE NEEDED WITH OR WITHOUT
A 20 TO 25 MAN R/RRO UNIT AS CITED IN PARA 3 BELOW. INCLUDED
IN THE SEVEN FSLE POSITIONS ARE TWO POSITIONS WHOSE INCUMBENTS
PRESENTLY WORK FULL TIME FOR EMBASSY ADMINISTRATION. IT IS
ESSENTIAL THAT THE NEW GSO REPORT TO THE POST NOT LATER
THAN EARLY JANUARY 1974. IDEALLY, THE EMBASSY SHOULD BE IN
A POSITION TO BEGIN PARTIAL SELF SUPPORT BY FEBRUARY 1, 1974.

3. R/RRO ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS:

AFTER CONSIDERING VARIOUS ALTERNATIVES AT THIS TIME FOR
EMBASSY/STATE PROVIDED ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FOR THE R/RRO
PERSONNEL AND THEIR USG OWNED YEROLAKKOS SITE (ASSUMING THE
SITE WILL BE UTILIZED), IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE NEW UNIT
BE SELF SUPPORTING TO THE EXTENT THAT FBIS PRESENTLY SUCCESS-
FULLY MAINTAINS ITSELF. THE FBIS ADMIN UNIT, WITH ONE AMERICAN
AND EIGHT FSLE'S, SUPPORTS A COMPLEMENT OF 13 AMERICANS,
74 NON-AMERICANS AND THE FBIS PHYSICAL PLANT WITH EMBASSY
ADMIN PROVIDING RELATIVELY LITTLE FBIS SUPPORT AS DEPICTED
ON THE POST'S SAS-1. AT THIS STAGE OF THE GAME, WITH BOTH
C/RRO AND NAVFAC MARCHING TO THE BEAT OF THEIR DRUMMERS, THE
EMBASSY WILL NOT HAVE TIME TO GET IN STEP AND PROVIDE MORE.

4. HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS:

IT IS ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT THE POST BECOME A FULL SHIPMENT
POST INSTEAD OF THE PRESENT LIMITED SHIPMENT ARRANGEMENT.
WITH C/RRO GOING OUT OF THE FURNITURE BUSINESS AND WITH THE
HIGH COST OF LOCAL COMMERCIAL MAINTENANCE SERVICEES, IT WOULD
BE MORE ECONOMICAL FOR THE USG AND MORE PRACTICAL FOR THE
POST (INCLUDING R/RRO). THE POST WOULD PLAN TO PROVIDE
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APPLIANCES TAKING OVER THOSE NEEDED FROM C/RRO AND SETTING
UP A REPLACEMENT CYCLE. BEING AN UNFURNISHED POST SHOULD NOT
AFFECT BUREAU-WIDE LIMITED SHIPMENT POLICY SINCE MOST OF THE
PRESENT INCUMBENTS TRANSFERRED FROM OUTSIDE NEA AND IT IS
ASSUMED THE TREND WOULD CONTINUE. AS LIMITED SHIPMENT IN-
CUMBENTS DEPART, REPLACEMENT PERSONNEL SHOULD HAVE FULL
SHIPMENT.

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5. FINANCIAL:

THE BUREAU, OF COURSE, REALIZES THAT THERE ARE INNUMERABLE DETAILS TO BE PLANNED AND EXECUTED AT POST LEVEL FOR SUCH ITEMS AS CONTRACTED WAREHOUSING, SHIPPING AND RECEIVING, MEDICAL SERVICES, MAINTENANCE, SUBSEQUENT REPLACEMENT, AND FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUPPLY LEVELS, ETC. UNTIL NOT. 15 THE POST IS NOT IN A POSITION TO CANVASS THE COMMERCIAL COMMUNITY AND PROVIDE ESTIMATED COSTS.

6. TRANSITION;

WE ASSUME THATWASHINGTON UNDERSTANDS CLEARLY THAT EVEN WITH THE ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL AND RESOURCES DESCRIBED ABOVE, THE EMBASSY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO HELP NAVFAC IN ITS SCHEDULED PHASE-OUT. (NAVFAC IS WORKING WITH C/RRO ON PACKOUT SCHEDULES, TECHNICAL COORDINATION, ETC.) MORE IMPORTANT, WE WOULD NOT HAVE THE ADMINISTRATIVE CAPACITY TO ASSIT NAVFAC IF IT WERE EXTENDED PAST JUNE 30 TO FILL IN WHILE R/RRO IS INSTALLED. IN OTHER WORDS THERE WOULD NOT BE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT, HOUSING OR WORKING SPACE OR EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT ANY INTERIM OPERATION. (WASHINGTON PRESUMABLY UNDERSTANDS THAT NAVFAC OUTPUT WILL BEGIN TO DECLINE BY EARLY 1974, AND THAT THE TIME HAS ABOUT PASSED WHEN INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE MADE TO SUSTAIN OUTPUT HERE.)

7. ACTION REQUESTED:

(A) WE URGENTLY NEED THE POLICY DECISIONS OUTLINED IN NICOSIA 2059. IF WE DO NOT HAVE A WASHINGTON LINE BEFORE NOV. 15, WE WILL HAVE TO TAKE THE LINE SIMPLY THAT, UPON FURTHER CONSIDERATION, WASHINGTON DECIDED TO HANDLE OUR COMMUNICATIONS REQUIREMENTS WITH FACILITIES AVAILABLE ELSE-
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WHERE.

(B) THE DEPT BEGIN TO PROCESS A GSO (FSO-5 POSITION LEVEL) FOR ETA NICOSIA JANUARY 1.

(C) THE DEPT COORDINATE THE TRANSFER (OR WHATEVER IS ENTAILED AT THE WASHINGTON LEVEL) OF SEVEN FSLE POSITIONS FROM C/RRO TO THE POST SAS COMPLEMENT.

(D) THE DEPT PLAN ON A FULL HHE SHIPMENT POLICY ON FUTURE PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENTS TO NICOSIA.

(E) THE DEPT INSIST THAT, IF THERE IS AN R/RRO, IT PROVIDE SERVICES TO ITSELF COMPARABLE TO THE PRESENT FBIS ARRANGEMENTS.

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(F) THE DEPT MAKE KNOWN TO INTERESTED AGENCIES THE
NEED TO ARRANGE FOR CONTINUED C/RRO ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT
FOR NAVFAC IF IT SHOULD BE ASKED TO CONTINUE FOR A TRAN-
SITIONAL PERIOD PAST JUNE 30.
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